

The Great Fire of London Quiz with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To recall and understand key facts about the causes, events, and consequences of the Great Fire of London in 1666.

Help Ellie the Elephant test your knowledge! Read each question carefully and circle the correct answer or write your response in the space provided.

Answer Key: 1. B (1666); 2. A (Pudding Lane); 3. True; 4. False (It started at a bakery); 5. Samuel Pepys; 6. C (Timber); 7. True; 8. St Paul's Cathedral; 9. B (To stop the fire from spreading); 10. River Thames.

Word bank: 1666 · Pudding Lane · Thomas Farriner · St Paul's Cathedral · Samuel Pepys · Timber · Firebreaks · River Thames

1. 1. In what year did the Great Fire of London begin? A) 1066 B) 1666* C) 1966 D) 1566 (1 mark)

2. 2. Where did the fire start? A) Pudding Lane* B) Bread Street C) The Tower of London D) London Bridge (1 mark)

3. 3. True or False: The fire lasted for four days. (1 mark)

4. 4. True or False: The fire started in a large stone castle. (1 mark)

5. 5. Which famous person kept a diary that helps us learn about the fire today? (1 mark)

6. 6. Why did the fire spread so quickly? A) It rained B) The wind was calm C) Houses were made of wood and pitch* D) There were no fire engines (1 mark)

7. 7. True or False: Many people escaped the fire by taking boats onto the river. (1 mark)

8. 8. Which famous London landmark was destroyed and later rebuilt by Sir Christopher Wren? (1 mark)

9. 9. What was the purpose of creating 'firebreaks' by pulling down houses? A) To build new roads B) To stop the fire from spreading* C) To collect firewood D) To make space for a market (1 mark)

10. 10. What is the name of the river that flows through London? (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of what London might have looked like after the fire, including the new stone buildings being constructed to replace the old wooden ones.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are a reporter in 1666. Write a short news update (3-4 sentences) describing what you see happening in London. Use the word bank to help you!